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SUBJECT: STATUS OF DJIBOUTI FMS CONVEYED TO DJIBOUTI'S
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[1](#)1. (U) Ambassador conveyed to General Fathi Ahmed Hussein on December 18 an oral brief of current status of the Djibouti FMS program and the specific projects outlined in the letter of October 10, 2005 from the Djiboutian Army's Chef d'Etat, General Zakariya Cheik Ibrahim. She promised a subsequent written response as soon as the final text was received from Washington. Post received this text on December 22 and an English language version, at General Fathi's request, was hand-delivered to him the same day. Embassy's French translation is complete and will be personally delivered by USLO Chief on December 24.

[1](#)2. (U) Comment: During our meeting, General Fathi had little to say about the substance of the Ambassador's presentation. He maintained, however, his concern about the lengthy delivery schedules for FMS assistance and continued to highlight the link between FMS and Djibouti's security needs. As for the five 44-foot motor lifeboats, General Fathi concurred, to avoid delays in delivery, in retention of the fifth boat as a floating hull to be used as spare parts.
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